UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,)
Plaintiff,)) CIVIL ACTION
v.) NO. 12-12324-MLW
BIOCHEMICS, INC., ET AL.,)
Defendants.)
)

ADEC'S RESPONSE TO MARCH 5, 2019 COURT ORDER CONCERNING ADEC'S REQUEST FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS

ADEC Private Equity Investments, LLC ("<u>ADEC</u>") responds to the Court's March 5, 2019 Order directing that "[c]ounsel for ADEC and Mr. Masiz *shall confer* and, by March 19, 2019, report on whether they have reached an agreement to resolve [ADEC's request for attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 231 § 59H]." (Dkt. 517 at 3(b) (emphasis added)).

While ADEC was hopeful that ADEC and Mr. Masiz could resolve this issue without Court intervention, ADEC respectfully reports that ADEC and Mr. Masiz have not reached an agreement to resolve ADEC's request for attorneys' fees and costs. It bears mentioning, however, that ADEC's three attempts to confer with Attorney Schlichtmann, counsel for Mr. Masiz, concerning this issue were essentially unreciprocated. *See* Addendum <u>A</u> attaching relevant correspondence.

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Dated: March 19, 2019

ADEC PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENTS, LLC,

By its attorneys,

/s/ Elizabeth M. Bresnahan

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March 19, 2019.

/s/ Elizabeth M. Bresnahan

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$\underline{Addendum}\;\underline{A}$

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From: Cooper, Howard <hcooper@toddweld.com>

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 5:14 PM

To: Bresnahan, Elizabeth M.; Jan Schlichtmann (jan@schlichtmannlaw.com)

Cc: Sternklar, Jeffrey D.; Willett, P. Sabin; Cacace, Joseph

Subject: RE: Conference Concerning Fees

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Jan -

If you are unable to confer because of your schedule, please email us and tell us your response in terms of payment of the fees we seek from Judge Wolf.

Thanks and regards,

Howard

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Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 4:39 PM

To: Jan Schlichtmann (jan@schlichtmannlaw.com)

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Subject: RE: Conference Concerning Fees

Jan,

Following up on my email below about a conference. Can you please let me know your availability Monday for a discussion?

Thanks,

Elizabeth

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From: Bresnahan, Elizabeth M.

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To: Jan Schlichtmann (jan@schlichtmannlaw.com) <jan@schlichtmannlaw.com>

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Judge Wolf's March 5 Order (Dkt. 517) required that counsel for ADEC and Mr. Masiz confer and by March 19, 2019 [Tuesday] report whether they have reached an agreement to resolve ADEC's request for attorneys' fees and costs. We and ADEC's lawyers from Todd & Weld filed affidavits concerning fees on Tuesday pursuant to Judge Wolf's order.

Can you please let me know your availability tomorrow and Monday for a conference?

Thanks,

Elizabeth

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From: Jan Schlichtmann < jan@schlichtmannlaw.com>

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:13 AM

To: Bresnahan, Elizabeth M.; Cooper, Howard; Cacace, Joseph; Willett, P. Sabin

Cc:Sternklar, Jeffrey D.; Jan SchlichtmannSubject:Re: Conference Concerning Fees

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Elizabeth,

Thank you for your email regarding Judge Wolf's March 5, 2019 Order (Doc. #517).

We will not be agreeing to ADEC's "request for attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 231 Section 59H" and will so report to the Court, by March 19, 2019, that ADEC and Mr. Masiz have <u>not</u> "reached an agreement to resolve this issue".

Regards,

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